

**NOVENA TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT**  
19TH - 27TH MAY 2023

**DAY 4 - 6:00 PM**

**GIFT OF FORTITUDE**



**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SERIA**



**Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
from the clear celestial  
heights, Thy pure beaming  
radiance give, come, thou  
Father of the poor, Come  
with treasures which  
endure, come thou Light of  
all that live.**

## OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

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**Thou, of all consolers best,  
thou, the soul's delightsome  
guest, Dost refreshing peace  
bestow, thou in toil art  
comfort sweet, Pleasant  
coolness in the heat, solace  
in the midst of woe.**

## OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

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**Light immortal, light divine,  
visit thou these hearts of  
thine, And our inmost being  
fill: if thou take thy grace  
away, Nothing pure in man  
will stay, all his good is  
turned to ill.**

## OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

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**Heal our wounds, our  
strength renew, on our  
dryness pour thy dew, Wash  
the stains of guilt away:  
bend the stubborn heart  
and will; Melt the frozen,  
warm the chill, guide the  
steps that go astray.**

## OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

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**Thou, on those who ever  
more thee confess and thee  
adore, In thy sevenfold gifts  
descend, give them comfort  
when they die; Give them  
life with thee on high; give  
them joys that never end.**

# INVOCATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Leader: Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Divine Love.**

**All: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created; and You will renew the face of the earth.**

# INVOCATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Leader: Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant we beseech you to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through, Jesus Christ Our Lord.**

**All: Amen**



# DAY 4

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**Thou in toil art comfort sweet,  
Pleasant coolness in the heat,  
solace in the midst of woe.**

# The Gift of Fortitude

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**Leader: By the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to under take without hesitancy the most**

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**arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."**

# Let us Pray:

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**All: Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be**

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**overcome and separated from  
Thee, my God and greatest  
Good. Amen.**

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***Our Father [Once]***  
***One Hail Mary [Once]***  
***Glory be to the Father [Seven Times]***

## **PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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**Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**All: Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal.**



## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Leader: Grant me the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**All: Grant me the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Leader: Grant me the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**All: Grant me the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Leader: Grant me the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**All: Grant me the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Leader: Mark me, dear Lord,  
with the sign of Your true  
disciples and animate me in  
all things with Your Spirit.**

**All: Amen.**

# DAY 4

- ✘ Scripture Reading –  
John 19:23-27
- ✘ The Sorrowful  
Mysteries of the  
Rosary





# INTERCESSION DAY 4

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**C: Let us pray to God the Father who gives us the Holy Spirit to reveal the presence of Jesus among us as we pray for all our needs:**

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**1. For each one of us, that we may not be discouraged by difficulties encountered in reaching out to those who no longer believe in God because their experience of religion has been disappointing, let us pray to the Lord.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**2. For our families, that we will choose to do God's will regardless of the temptations to give up when difficulties arise to test our faith, let us pray to the Lord.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**3. For a new Pentecost in our time, that men and women may receive the grace of conversion and turn away from sin to believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**4. For you and I, that we might be truly filled with the Spirit of Fortitude to be joyful in all circumstances so that praise of God will become for us a way of life, let us pray to the Lord.**

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer.**

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**5. For the Holy Father, our bishop, priests and youth leaders, that in their work of leading souls to the kingdom, they may allow themselves to be guided by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.**

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer.**

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**6. For our Christian community in this parish, that we may stand up to the pressures of conforming to the standards of a world alienated from God, let us pray to the Lord.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Let us pray:**

**All: Christ Jesus, before returning to your Father in heaven, you promised to send your Holy Spirit on your disciples. We are your disciples today - Pour out your Spirit into our lives so that we may reflect your grace and love and in this way, spread your Gospel to those whom we meet. With Your Spirit of Fortitude, may we stand up for what is right and speak out for the voiceless. Amen.**



# ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**All: On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself soul and body to You, eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity the unerring keenness of your justice and the might of Your love. You are**

# ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**the strength and the light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant**

# ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**that I may always watch for  
Your light and listen to Your  
voice and follow Your gracious  
inspirations. I cling to You and  
give myself to You and ask You  
by Your compassion to watch  
over me in my weakness.  
Holding the pierced Feet of**

# ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart I implore You Adorable Spirit Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against You. Give**

# ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of  
the Father and the Son to say  
to you always and everywhere  
“Speak Lord for Your servant  
hears.” AMEN.**

# ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

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## *Refrain*

**On this day, O beautiful Mother,**

**On this day we give Thee our  
love**

**Near thee Madonna, fondly we  
hover**

**Trusting thy gentle care to  
prove.**

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**On this day we ask to share,  
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care  
Aid us ere our feet astray,  
Wander from thy guiding way.**

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## *Refrain*

**On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give Thee our  
love**

**Near thee Madonna, fondly we  
hover**

**Trusting thy gentle care to  
prove.**



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**Queen of Angels, deign to hear  
Lisping children's humble  
prayer,  
Young hearts gain, O Virgin  
pure  
Sweetly to Thyself assure.**

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## *Refrain*

**On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give Thee our  
love**

**Near thee Madonna, fondly we  
hover**

**Trusting thy gentle care to  
prove.**

**Join us again tomorrow at  
6:00 PM.**

